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Ms. Rea K. Fernandez  
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San Antonio, TX 78205

Dear Ms. Fernandez:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of June 20, 2018. You seek a copy of U.S. Navy Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) documentation regarding the separation of Mr. Lexis D. Sims from the U.S. Navy. Your request was received in this office on June 20, 2018, has been assigned FOIA correspondence file number CNPC20180480 by this command.

A releasable copy of responsive discharge documentation is attached. A routine separation physical exam, not related to the reason for Mr. Sims' separation, is withheld in entirety if considered responsive to your request. The redacted portions of the released documentation, and the withheld separation physical examination, are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Lexis D. Sims and other identified individuals.

Because your request is partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

If an appeal is deemed necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. To expedite an appeal, you should enclose a copy of this letter and a copy of the original request along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA/PA APPEAL."

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your

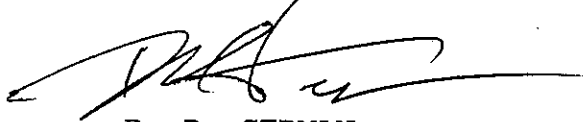
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request, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at [Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil) or (703) 697-0031. Further, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as they provide a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, please go to: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. P. German', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

D. P. GERMAN  
FOIA/PA Officer  
By direction